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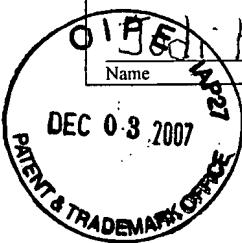
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CARCINOEMBRYONIC ANTIGEN AND USES
THEREOF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115
AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This communication is in response to the outstanding Restriction Requirement mailed October 31, 2007, in the above-identified application, having a one-month period for response set to expire November 30, 2007.

Applicants request entry of this amendment prior to examination of the above-identified application, which is a § 371 National Stage Application of PCT/EP2004/009239, international filing date of August 17, 2004.

Submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement/PTO 1449 in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(b)(1). Copies of art cited in the IDS are provided in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98.

Any fees associated with the submission of this amendment can be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper

REMARKS begin on page 4 of this paper.